

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
The Sail Sand Point Board Room
June 12, 2013 from 6 – 7:30 PM
FINAL

Attending: MPAC Members: Julianna Ross, Ed Bronsdon, Loren Hill, Bonnie Miller, Peter Zimmerman, Gail Chiarello, Morgan Collins, Tom Kelly, Diana Kincaid,, Rusty Williams, Colby Bradley (Solid Ground). Absent: Aaron Hoard, Herb Curl, Nancy Bolin

Parks staff: Cheryl Fraser, Nick Boyer, Gary Gibbons. Guests: Julie Kelly (Broadway Bound), Chris Pfeiffer (community gardens).

Chair Julianna Ross called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Announcements from the Chair:

- NOAA Open House Friday June 14 Noon – 8pm.
- Radio station: SPACE is applying for one of eight low-watt FM radio stations the FCC will be awarding.

Approval of the May Minutes. The May Minutes were approved unanimously with one change.

Public Comments: Julie Kelly of Broadway Bound reported that her organization had wanted to partner with Seattle Musical Theater. Broadway Bound is a children's youth theater group. Although Seattle Musical Theater is having trouble meeting its own financial commitments, they turned down the request from Broadway Bound.

Navy Radiation Abatement Open House (Cheryl Fraser). Representatives from the Navy, the WA Department of Health, the WA Department of Ecology, and the Parks Department held a public meeting at The Mountaineers Building, Wednesday, May 29, to talk about the radiation remediation issue. There were 130 people in attendance and the meeting was well documented; it appeared on TV. The WA Department of Health's website and the Navy's website are sources for answers to questions. Clean-up will cost \$9M and is scheduled to begin in July 8th; Parks has asked for regular status updates. There should be no effect on children's programs at Arena Sports, although one family asked for more information. Morgan Collins reported Sail Sand Point registration is down a bit. MPAC will send a letter similar to the one sent by NEDC.

Facilities Updates

Building 9: There has been no movement to report. The legislature is apparently going to fund \$14 million of their \$20 million promise. Tom Kelly reported that the bill is on the House side and nothing is happening on the Senate side. Ed Bronsdon suggest that MPAC write to Frank Chopp and propose a Saturday meeting to discuss. Questions were raised as to whether Gerdling Edlin is still interested.

Building 11 (Cheryl Fraser): The Waldorf School will be moving in September 2014, and Cascade Bicycle Club in January 2014. Other tenants include Sail Sand Point and PORCH (Matt Erlichman). Parks is still attempting to identify a food service or coffee shop and there may be some artists in the building. Rusty Williams asked why the space had not been offered on the commercial real estate market; Cheryl responded there had been no need. Tenants had approached Parks. Commercial space is being rented at \$25 SF.

Lakeshore Drive Parking Expansion (Nick Boyer, Parks): As per the 2004 Master Plan, the Lakeshore Drive is being widened to create two 10-ft lanes and to restripe existing lot for spaces and a turn around loop. (At some point in the future a turn around on Lakeshore Drive near the public beach may be added). The total additional width will be 8 feet over the existing roadway. Diagonal parking stripes are being added so that the current parking capacity of 73 vehicles will be expanded to 113 (although if

parking ends up being prohibited close to the ecology areas, 50 spaces will be lost and the net number of added spaces is reduced to 11). There will be a Tower comfort station. The log barriers will be replaced; there will be new signage; "islands" for utility vaults. Berger Construction started work Monday June 10th and the work should be finished by the 4th of July. Ed Bronsdon had a question about wheelchair accessibility and wants a copy of the plan. Bonnie Miller asked how the design reduced illegal parking, and also commented that the Mayor at a recent press conference had spoken about making Seattle's water safer. She asked if the run-off from the widened road would be tested to insure it sinks into the ground and doesn't run off into the lake.

Building 18 (Gary Gibbons, Parks): Building 18 is a land marked building. S. M. Stemper Architects is the subcontractor. The building is not occupiable. Stemper will remove hazardous materials but there will be no restoration. Stabilization may cost \$640,000 to prevent the building from becoming "a pigeon barn." In the early fall the permitting and bidding process will begin. The economic climate right now favors contractors. There are a pair of nesting owls in the hose-drying towers. Construction will not begin until the owls leave. The second floor houses some baby pigeons. The goal is to stabilize the building and keep it intact until it can be restored. There will be a security fence and a security light. The blue asbestos-sided wall from 1952 will be removed and a new roof structure added. Passive ventilation will consist of air flow; all the finished materials which hold water will be removed. It will take \$6-10 million to rehabilitate the entire building. \$1M is available now; it would take another \$4M to obtain the basic occupancy permit. Tom Kelly said people at the Magnuson Habitat Committee were pleased with involvement of a wildlife expert and plans to relocate the owls after the present brood matures which include a new nest box near the Community Garden and that the owls will be allowed to return after construction since better uses of the tower seem lacking.

Off-the-Cuff Enthusiasm (Ed Bronsdon): What Building 18 needs is an Owl-Owl-C.

Building 30 (Cheryl Fraser): Work on the building is 2 weeks behind schedule. It will not be completed by the end of July. There are issues with the grounding on the east side; the job superintendent passed away on the job site; Kelly Gould may come to the next meeting.

Tennis Center (Ed Bronsdon): Ed received an e-mail from the Tennis Center. They are paving the roadway on the east side. There will be tennis day camps for kids in the outdoor court in the park. They expect to have temporary occupancy by July 31.

Landmarks Board Design Guidelines (Julianna Ross): Karen Gordon hasn't forwarded Julianna's and Lynn's comments to the Board. Rusty Williams commented that there would be protections for individual buildings in the district but not for the district as a whole; there was nothing to prevent say a McDonald's from opening in the park. There was discussion of native plant restoration versus non-natives. Ed Bronsdon moved that MPAC write Christopher Williams to ask him not to sign the Controls and Incentives, and write the Landmarks Board and ask them to slow down. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

Magnuson Community Garden (Chris Pfeiffer). Chris is a professional horticulturalist who whose involvement with the Magnuson Community Garden started via to her interest as a parent in development of the Children's Garden portion which was lead by Cindy Hazard. The Magnuson Community Garden has received big grants from the Department of Neighborhoods. In the late 90's a P-patch near NE 70th & Sand Pt. Way NE was displaced by Children's Hospital Administrative Building Development and gardeners sought park land newly transferred from the Navy, but neighbors and others wanted and required more than a P-Patch due to the Park setting--hence the Community Garden with several components. The Children's Garden has partnered with the WSU Master Gardeners and with Seattle Works. The Community Garden has been built with volunteer effort. Some food grown is donated to the Food Bank and residents of housing in the Park. There is a Fall Harvest Festival with the Park community center. The Native Plant Border has demonstration plants, is wildlife habitat, and provides a screening hedgerow. The Native Plant Nursery provides plants for use in parks and includes Magnuson based partners-- Washington Native Plant Society, Magnuson Environmental

Stewardship Alliance, and EarthCorps. There is also a demonstration orchard. The Tranquil Garden near the P-Patch intended for people with disabilities, although all are welcome. The P-Patch has ADA-accessible beds. Irrigation is timed in the Children's Garden. The Community Garden also built the amphitheater. Ed Bronsdon commented that children with autism do use the tranquil garden.

Other announcements: There will be a big Building 30 GALA on October 12th. The August MPAC meeting may be more of a social event and park tour.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Chiarello
Secretary